

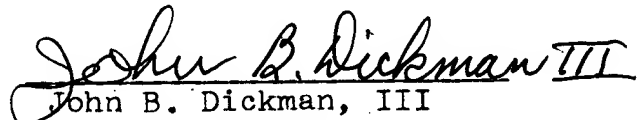
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The Office Letter dated October 10, 2002 has been carefully considered and the claims now in the case, prior claims 5, 7 and 9, which now depend from new claim 11, have been amended to more clearly define the invention and avoid conflict with the prior art. Claims 1, 2, 3, 4 and 10 have been cancelled.

Claim 11 includes the language of claims 1, 2, 3 and 4. In particular it should be noted that the outer wall reflects fire retardant qualities and strength to support the weight of the flexible light and air conducting tube.

While references have been cited to show a reflective inner wall (Ayles) and a metal foil (Freeman), there are no references which recite a metal foil [having the strength to support the weight of the flexible light and air conducting tube.] Without such a reference it is believed the present claims are now allowable and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted.


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